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April 2017 E-Newsletter

## NY/NJ Baykeeper's Conservation Dinner

### From the Baykeeper

Sometimes you have to do more than just “like” on Facebook or retweet on Twitter.

Sometimes, you feel the need to... march! If that is you – good news, there are two big marches coming up! [The March for Science](#) on April 22 (also Earth Day) and [the Climate March](#) on April 29. Both Marches have satellite events that may be closer for you to attend, so check them out. I know participating in events like these have recharged my soul and empowered me to feel the strength in our numbers to defend the environment.

### Debbie Mans

NY/NJ Baykeeper

### Upcoming Events



*Pictured left to right: Debbie Mans, Baykeeper and Executive Director of NY/NJ Baykeeper, Dave Donnelly, Superintendent of Cheesequake State Park, and Mandy Edgecomb, NY/NJ Harbor advocate.*

We had a great time at our Conservation Dinner this week at Drew's Bayshore Bistro! We honored Cheesequake State Park Superintendent David Donnelly and NY/NJ Harbor, park and open space advocate, Mandy Edgecomb. Thank you to all guests, honorees, and Board of Trustees for making this event possible!

### Staff Picks! Sandra's 3 Easy Earth Month Tips

1. Redirect your downspouts to grassy areas and install a rain barrel to reduce polluted runoff and stormwater volume from entering our sewers. Rain barrels are a fun and easy DIY project you can work on with the whole family! Instructions can be found by clicking [here](#).

## Liberty State Park Cleanup

April 8, 2017  
10am - 1pm  
200 Morris Pesin Drive, Jersey City, NJ  
[Click here](#) for details.

## March for Science

April 22, 2017  
Washington DC  
[Click here](#) for details.

## Rahway River Cleanup

April 22, 2017  
9am - 12pm  
Meet at the parking lot adjacent to the waterfall of the Rahway River by the dam at Winfield Park, Winfield, NJ.  
[Click here](#) to email Joe for more information.

## Many Mind Creek Cleanup

April 22, 2017  
10am - 12pm  
[Click here](#) for details.

## People's Climate March

April 29, 2017  
Washington D.C.  
\$55 bus tickets are available [here](#).

## Holmdel Earth Fest

April 30, 2017  
12pm - 5pm

## 2017 Summer Kayak Schedule

[Click here](#) for details and registration!

## Stay Involved with Facebook Messenger!

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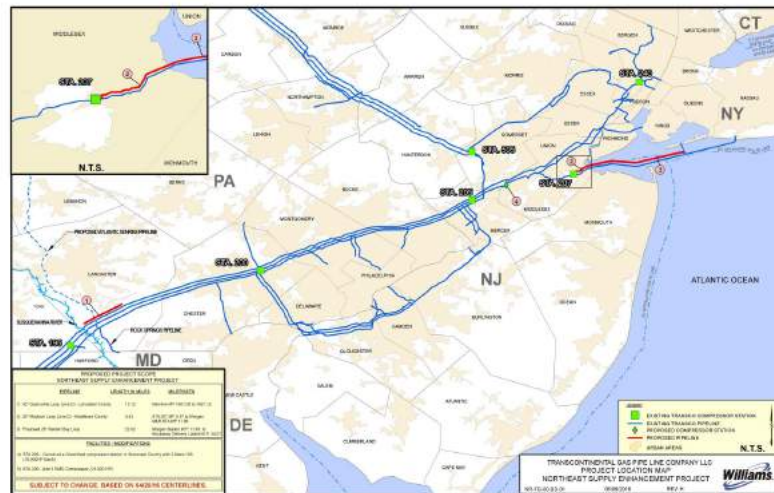
2. Did you know that the average number of minutes we use a plastic bag is just 12 minutes? Plastics are pretty much indestructible and yet we're making disposable products out of it! Replace single-use plastic products with reusable bottles, bags, straws, and utensils. For more information, [click here](#).
3. Volunteer at a local cleanup! We'll be at our upcoming Bayshore cleanups in partnership with the Bayshore Regional Watershed Association! [Click here](#) for details.

## In Case You Missed It...



NY/NJ Baykeeper was featured in *The Bronx River Bounces Back*, part of [WTTW's Urban Nature](#) video series. Click the image above or [here](#) to learn how the Bronx River has transformed from an open sewer to wildlife and oyster habitat!

## The Public Comment Period for Williams Pipeline is Open!



Williams Transco has proposed a 23.4-mile pipeline project to expand its existing Transco transmission system to transport natural gas from the Marcellus Shale region through Raritan Bay to New York. If built, the pipeline will disrupt YOUR fishing, boating, and recreational activities! Construction of the pipeline would also disturb habitat for clams, horseshoe

"PLASTIC" to receive updates and how YOU can prevent and reduce plastics from entering your local waterways.

### Find Out Where Raw Sewage is Being Discharged Near You

[Click here](#) for details.

ICYMI, Check out our New Website about our [War on Plastic](#) and How to Help!

### Become a Member Today!

[Click here](#) for details.

#### In the News

[The Bronx River Bounces Back](#)

[Rally for the Navesink Meeting](#)

[Trumps Budget Means Big Trouble for NJ Environmentalists](#)

[Paterson to Get \\$300,000 Worth of Green Infrastructure to Collect Stormwater](#)

[Riding the Wave: Units in Water Track Data for Living Breakwaters Project](#)

crabs, fish, and other marine animals. Williams has filed their application with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) and now is the time to act! [Click here](#) for instructions on how to file as an intervener and submit a public comment today! For updates, text "PIPE" to 732-416-7332.

### It's Spring! Oyster Season is Upon Us!



Volunteer at our Bronx River oyster reef this season! You'll have the opportunity to don waders and check out oyster biology up close! Volunteers help us by measuring our oysters for growth, survivorship, and biodiversity. Volunteer days will begin mid-May. We'll be checking up on the oysters a few days a month, including weekends, mornings, and afternoons. To add your name to the volunteer list, email [allison@nynjbaykeeper.org](mailto:allison@nynjbaykeeper.org). [Click here](#) for more information.

Protecting, preserving, and restoring the NY/NJ Harbor Estuary since 1989.

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